



Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) to Bosnia and Herzegovina

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- ★ What is IPA?
- ★ Examples of IPA projects
- ★ Challenges
- ★ What next?



What is IPA?



The objective of IPA is to prepare a country for accession to the EU:

- ★ democracy, good governance and human rights
- ★ functioning market economy
- ★ introduction of EU standards
- ★ regional cooperation

Why is IPA needed?



- ★ The economy in BiH needs to become more competitive
- ★ Rule of law and civil society need to be strengthened



- ★ Implementation of EU standards is often highly technical, complex and expensive and concerns more than 120.000 pages of rules and regulations

- ★ No enlargement country has managed to prepare for EU accession without assistance!

How much money is available?

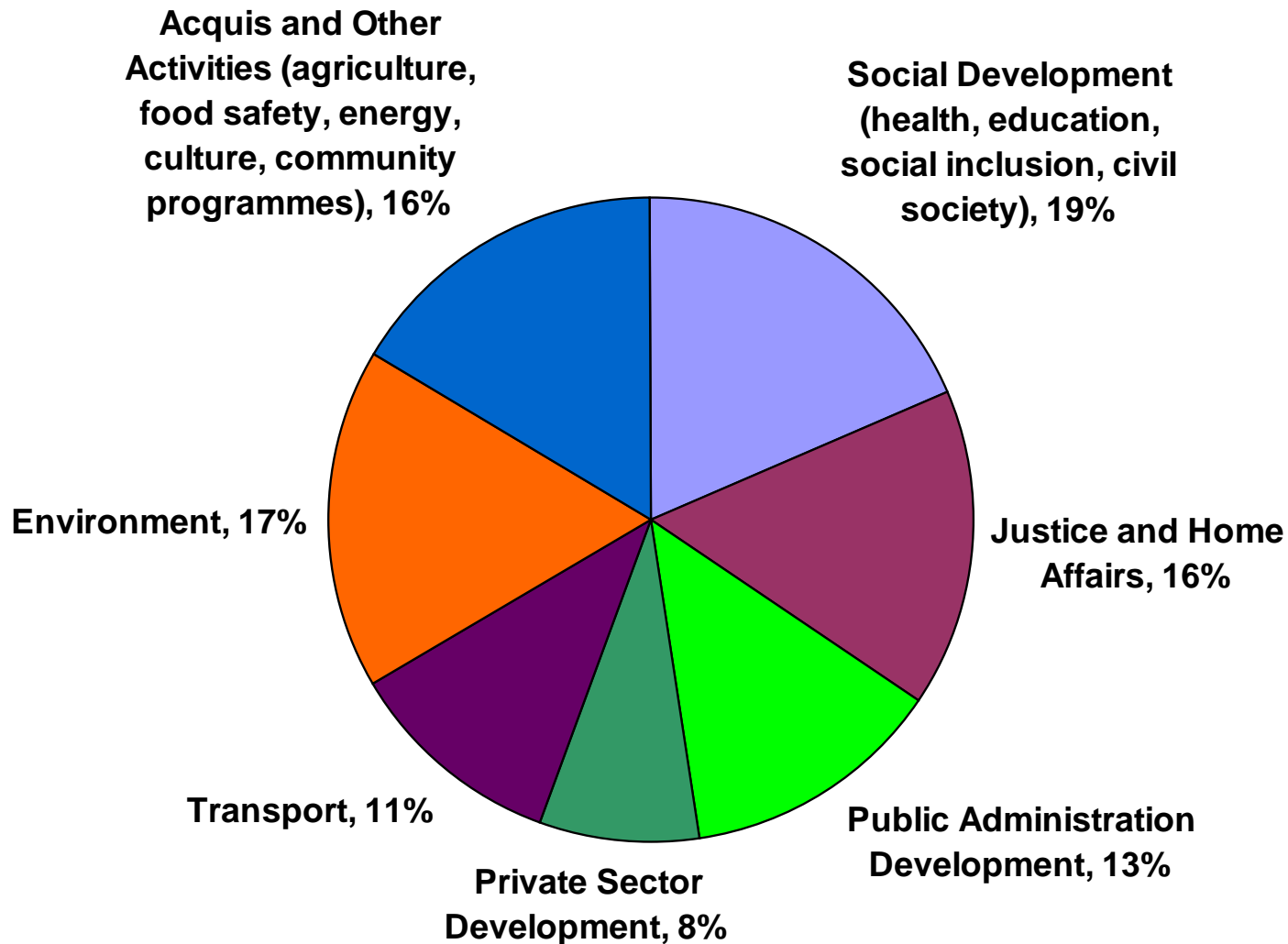


	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total 2007- 2012	2013*
Transition Facility and Institution Building	58.1	69.9	83.9	100.7	102.7	102.7	478	103.5
Cross-border Co-operation	4.0	4.9	5.2	4.7	4.7	5.2	28.7	5.3
TOTAL	62.1	74.8	89.1	105.4	107.4	107.9	546.7	108.8

Additional support is provided under the Regional and Multi Beneficiary IPA programmes

* IPA 2013 programme is not yet finalised

IPA assistance per Sector 2007-2012 programmes



IPA projects - judiciary



Rehabilitation works - cantonal and district courts in BiH to process war crime cases

2013
1.9M EUR

Improved facilities for processing war crimes in 10 cantonal and district courts, and Basic Court Brčko taking into account the witness protection



Travnik



Dobož



Brčko

IPA projects – migration



Support to construction of Asylum Reception Centre in BiH



2012-2013
0.9M EUR

- *One of the benchmarks of the Visa Liberalisation process*
- *Precondition for a functioning immigration and asylum system in BiH needed for European Integration*



IPA projects – customs and taxation



Twinning projects

“Support to further EU Acquis alignment of the Indirect Taxation Authority of BiH”

2010-2012
2.4M EUR

“Further harmonisation to EU practices and acquis on customs and taxation”

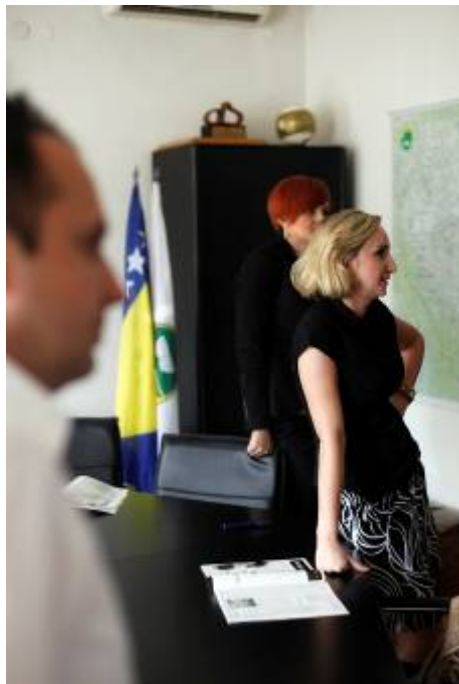
2013-2015
2M EUR



*Simplified
customs clearance
at import*



IPA projects – Civil Society



Reinforcement of Local Democracy

2009-2014
5M EUR

*Partnership between Civil
Society and local authorities*



IPA projects – social inclusion



Enhancing the Social Protection and Inclusion System for Children in BiH

2011-2014
1.9M EUR





Techno Park in Zenica

2010-2013
0.4M EUR



The first accredited laboratory in BiH for testing and certification of wood products for export to EU



IPA projects – economic development



Development of the eco-zone National Park Una

2010-2013
0.35M EUR



National Park Una revitalised and equipped for more tourism and visitors



Funded by the European Union

IPA projects – Cross Border Co-operation



Co-operation between fire brigades in Trebinje and Niksic (MNE)

Waste selection in 28 schools in Tuzla and Uzice (CR)



Honor the skills of stone processing in West-Hrz and Hrz Neretva cantons and Split-Dalmatia County (CR)



Increase energy efficiency in Bijeljina and Bogatic (SR)



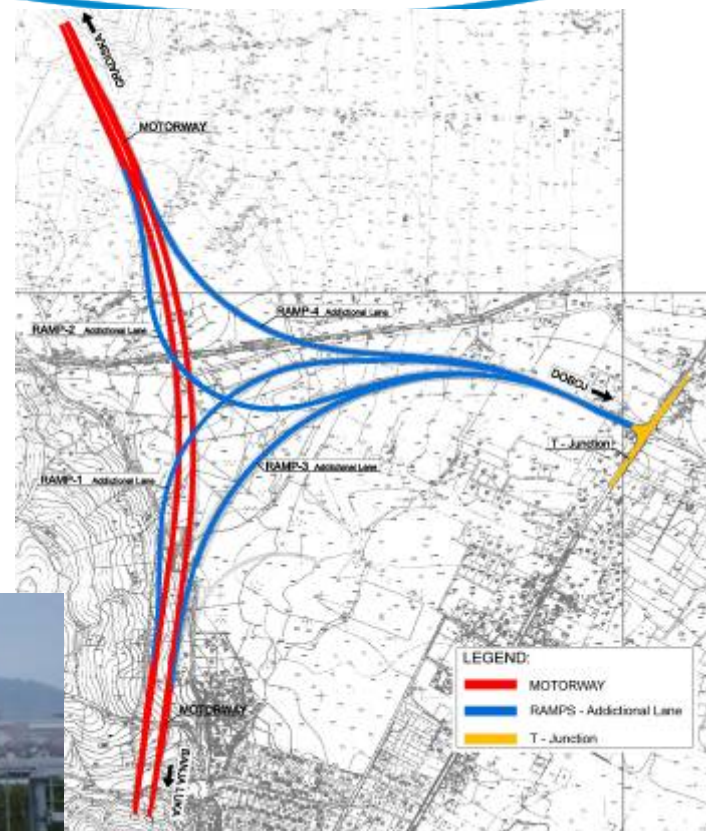
IPA projects - transport



Mahovljani Interchange

2010-2012
5M EUR

Faster passenger and freight traffic



Funded by the European Union

How are IPA projects selected?



- ★ In partnership BiH-EU 
- ★ Multi annual strategic priorities guide annual selection of individual projects
- ★ Projects developed by BiH institutions on all relevant government levels under overall coordination of National IPA Coordinator (NIPAC)
- ★ Following CoM BiH endorsement, NIPAC submits project package to EU
- ★ Commission adopts a decision to provide funds
- ★ Signature and Ratification of Financing Agreement between BiH and the EU



How are projects implemented?



- ★ Each project is implemented via one or more contracts
 - ★ The EU Delegation is in charge of contracting and contract management
 - ★ Procurement and calls for proposals are competitive processes: the best wins!
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- ★ Contract types:
 - ★ procurement (supply, works, services)
 - ★ calls for proposals (grants, twinning)
 - ★ 39% of all IPA contracts are with BiH contractors

What difficulties is IPA facing?



- ★ Project partners agree on a project when it is developed and selected but later change their mind when the project is to be implemented
- ★ Project partners do not find compromise on the way to implement a project
- ★ Project partners subject projects to political level decisions which take too much time
- ★ As a result the start or implementation of projects is delayed or results cannot be achieved
- ★ The majority of disputes relate to different views about state and entity level competencies

Examples of affected projects



- ★ Cancellation of agriculture projects to prepare BiH to access future IPARD assistance



- ★ Five other projects were given deadline to find compromise or face cancellation: Tourism, National Planning, social policy and inclusion, Quality Management for SMEs



- ★ **EnvIS BiH** Strategy Preparation Project for Environment back on track after one year delay

Strengthening of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Environmental Institutions and Preparation for Pre-accession Funds

Jačanje Institucija u Bosni i Hercegovini
Za Zaštitu Okoline / Životne Sredine i
Priprema Za Pretpristupne Fondove

How to address IPA blockages?



IPA can only be effective if there is political will

Lack of effective coordination between different levels of government as main problem



IPA 2013



“The absence of an agreement on a solution of the Sejdić-Finci issue blocks the accession path of Bosnia and Herzegovina and hence makes it difficult to justify continuing to grant EU pre-accession funds. Therefore, a procedure for reducing the initially foreseen IPA 2013 programme for Bosnia and Herzegovina /.../ will be launched. ”



Commissioner Štefan Füle, following the failure to conclude an agreement on Sejdić-Finci and the EU coordination mechanism of the 3rd High Level Dialogue on the Accession Process meeting on 10 October 2013

IPA II (2014-2020)



Conditionality:

- ★ Effective EU coordination mechanism in place
- ★ Country-wide sector strategies adopted, in particular related to investment needs



- ★ Consultation on strategic priorities for IPA assistance 2014 to 2020 and the annual programming for IPA 2014 on hold
- ★ In case of further delays: risk of losing the IPA 2014 funds